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report on Hungarian military units and installations at Gyula, Békéscsaba, Lőkös, and Tar. At Gyula, a mechanized unit was observed; at Békéscsaba, a field artillery unit and an artillery firing range were detected; at Lőkös, a border guard station was described; and at Tar, a military-vehicle storage area was covered. The report itself comprises two pages; but four sketches - one for each location - are appended.

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Hungarian troops at GYULA, BEKESCSABA, LOKUS, TAR

1. GYULA: 1956

- a) A mechanized unit consisting of approximately 20 officers and 300 men is stationed in a requisitioned building marked (a) on the sketch attached at Appendix "A".
- b) The unit is commanded by a Lt.Colonel.
- c) Approximately 50 MT vehicles, including cars, jeeps, motorcycles with side-cars [redacted] are parked in the yard.

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2. BEKESCSABA: 1956

- a) A field artillery unit containing approximately 1500 men with red shoulder-boards is housed in the barracks in STALIN St., approximately 150 metres East of the railway station. The barracks are marked (a) on the sketch at Appendix "B". The barracks cover an area of approximately 400 by 250 metres surrounded by a brick wall.

- b) An artillery firing-range and training grounds adjoin the South-East outskirts of the town and cover an area of approximately 18 by 15 km known as KIGYOS VISE, marked (b) on sketch "B". 7.62 cm F/Anti-tank guns and 12.2 cm howitzers were observed being towed [redacted] from the barracks to the training area. No a.f.v.s were observed in the area.

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3. Frontier Guard Station, LOKUS: 1956

- a) The station is located in a specially-built building (1950) approximately 1½ km south-east of the village and 300 metres from the Rumanian border. See sketch at Appendix "C".
- b) The station is manned by approximately 5 NCOs and 20-25 ORs.

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4. A.f.v. stores, TAR: 1955

a) A.f.v. stores were under construction at TAR and were partly finished in January 1955.

b) The stores consisted of 3 concrete buildings, each connected with the railway line. See sketch at Appendix "D".

c) The finished building, approximately 150 by 30 metres, is marked a) on sketch "D". Four T/34-35 tanks were observed being unloaded from railway flats, and were stored in this building in December 1954. No vehicles were ever observed leaving the building under their own power, although the Eastern part of the building is provided with large "rolling-down" gates and descending platform.

d) A.f.v. spare parts, such as rubber-tyred and steel-rimmed bogie-wheels, tank engines and steel sheets were observed being unloaded and stored in the building many times in December 1954-May 1955. This building is marked (b) on Sketch "D". It is approximately 100 by 30 metres and has swinging doors of medium size on the east side.

e) The third building similar to that marked (a) was under construction. This building is marked (c) on sketch "D".

f) A party of approximately 25 Hungarian NCOs and soldiers was billeted in the village.

g) The stores were stated to be guarded by AVE men.

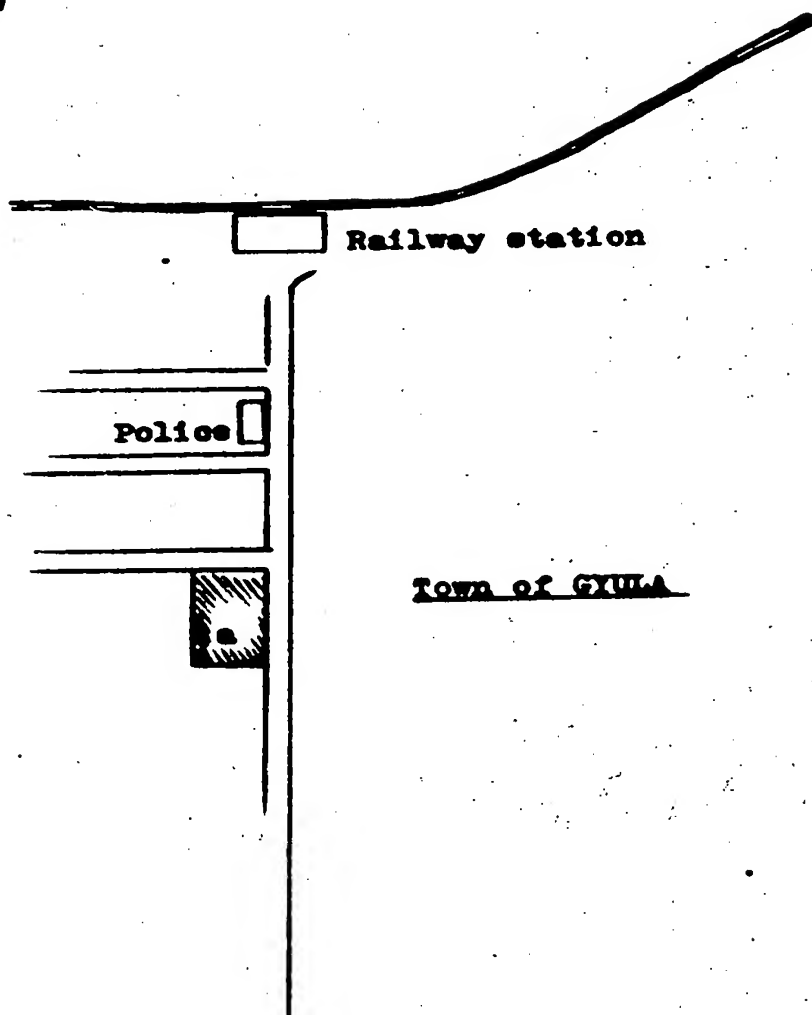
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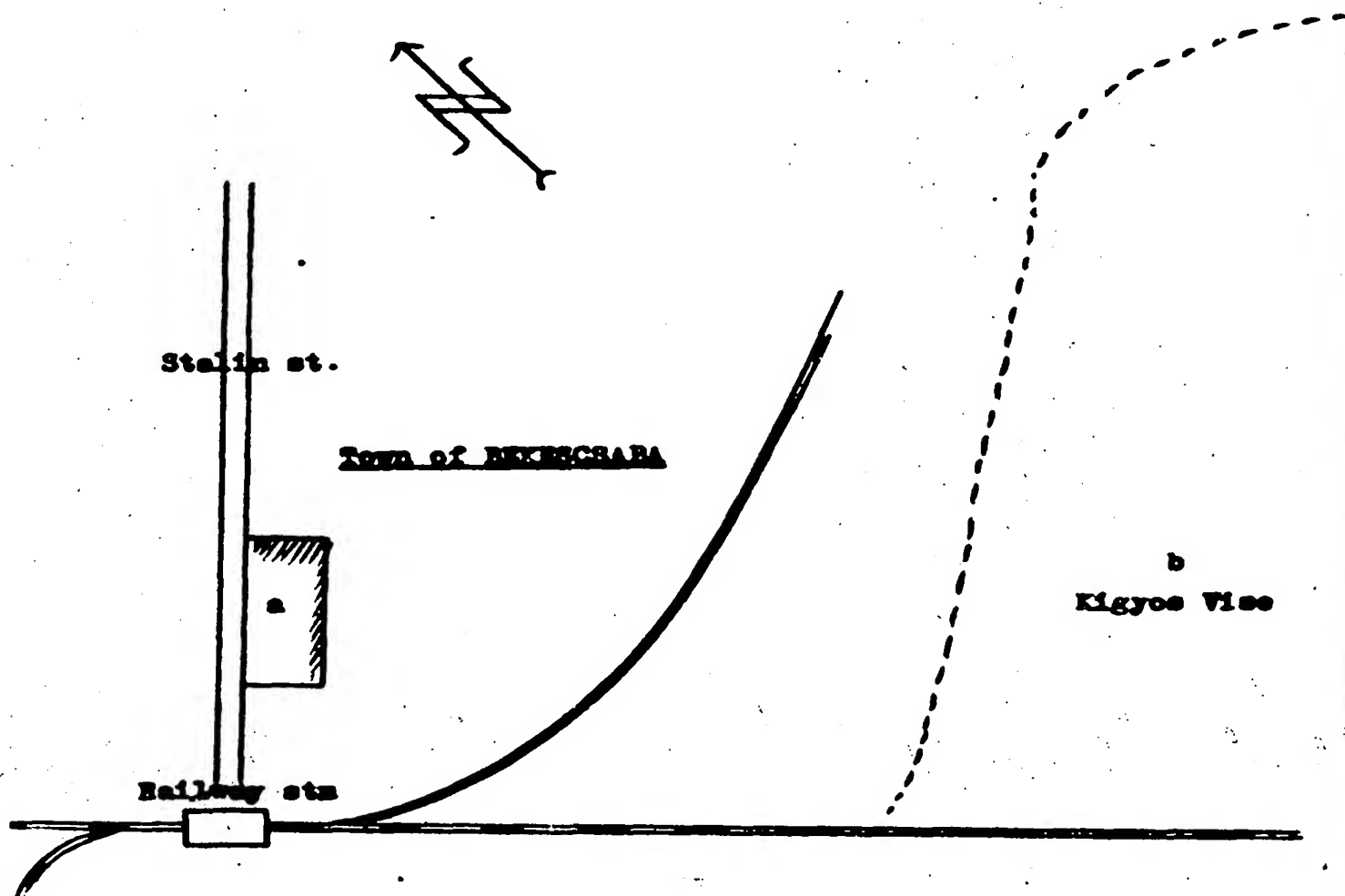
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Appendix "C"

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Frontier guard barracks

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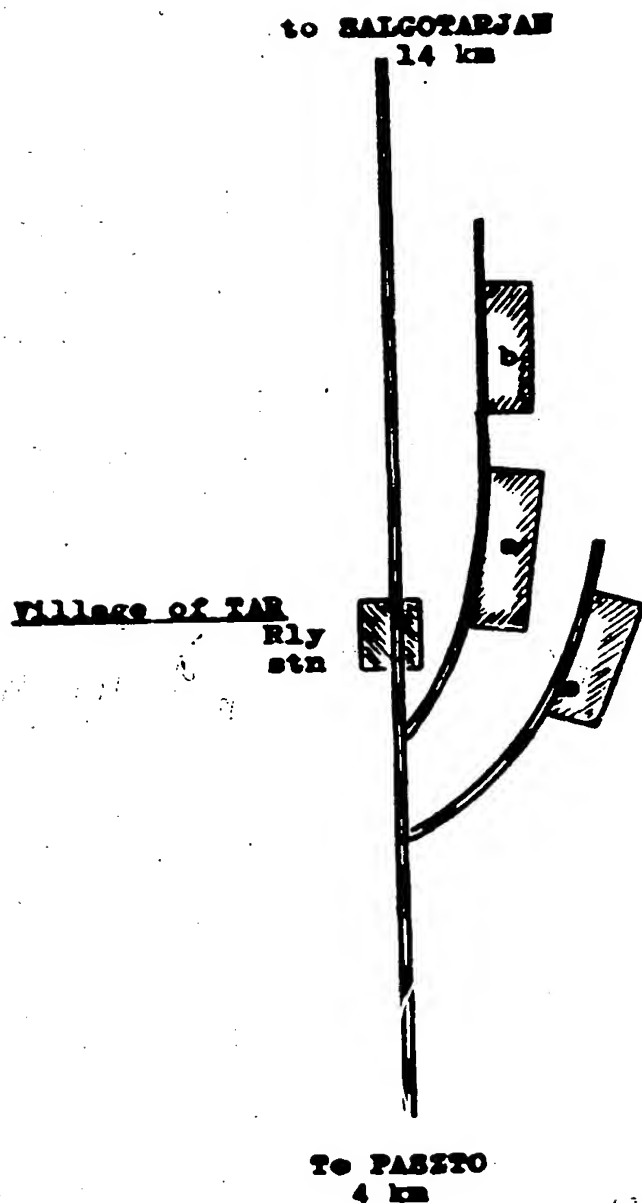
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